



SANDLAKE – GALLOWAY ROAD CONSTRUCTION PROJECT

What's happening on the job?

Well this is beginning to sound like a TV soap on reruns, but more wall construction in the Milepost 1.96 and 2.0 location. Last week Elte's crew started the second tier of baskets. Everything is going well but its tedious, labor-intensive work. On last Thursday morning I counted five labors weaving together the second row basket with the first row basket. Sounds easy, just a little weaving, well that weaving material is using steel galvanized wire nearly the size of a small drinking straw. The weaving requires channel lock pliers and two labors working in unison. These baskets are also woven into steel wire mats extending under the roadway to reinforce the baskets from moving outward.

Not much work was done to the Rockery Wall last week as that crew was moved off early in the week to begin road widening for the next Gabion Basket section. This next segment is a little over 1000 feet in length and will also be two baskets high. Again, the same process should take place as before. 1. A section is isolate with steel plates to contain any mud or sediment. 2. The section is slowly dewatered and checked for fish and invertebrates and relocated if found. 3. Excavate below ditch line and build backup with large rock to prevent future erosion. 4. Install a Geotextile membrane around the rock, level with small rock and begin baskets. Nothing to it! Oh did I forget to mention a parking lot full of cars going by every 25 minutes.

One other topic worth touching on is POTHOLES. Heck these are popping up faster than spring flowers. Not only are they a problem to you the user of the road they are doubly so to Elte our contractor. He has been placing cold mix asphalt into these holes but without any long-term success. In trying to provide a better fix the contractor will likely begin using mix made in Portland. A very expensive product that is exclusively manufactured by licensed plants. Everyone is hopeful this product will stay put once put in the pothole.

*** * EXPECT 30 MINUTE DELAYS IF YOU PLAN TO TRAVEL SANDLAKE ROAD * ***
7:00 AM in the morning to 6:00 PM in the evening

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